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# Improving the working methods of the Security Council

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* that the States Members of the United Nations have conferred on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, acting on their behalf, as provided for by the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the provisions relating to the powers and functions of the General Assembly in matters pertaining to the maintenance of international peace and security, in particular Article 11, Article 12, paragraph 1, Article 15, paragraph 1 and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter,

*Recalling* its authority under Article 10 of the Charter to discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of the Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any organ of the United Nations and to make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations and to the Security Council thereon,

*Stressing* the special responsibility of the permanent members of the Security Council to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter and to give their full support to the actions of the Organization aimed at maintaining international peace and security,

*Noting with appreciation* the work carried out by the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council,

*Acknowledging* the significant steps taken by the Security Council to enhance inclusiveness and the representation of the general membership,

*Emphasizing* the need for further measures to ensure the accountability, transparency, inclusiveness and representativeness of the work of the Security Council, with a view to further enhancing its legitimacy and effectiveness,

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*Reaffirming* its support for early reform of the Security Council as an essential element of the overall effort to reform the United Nations, as stated in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document,[1]

*Acknowledging* that efforts to improve the working methods of the Security Council promote a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, including the increase in its membership,

1. *Invites* the Security Council to consider the measures contained in the annex to the present resolution in order to further enhance the accountability, transparency and inclusiveness of its work, with a view to strengthening its legitimacy and effectiveness;

2. *Further invites* the Security Council to report to the General Assembly, by the end of its sixtieth session, on action it has taken pursuant to its consideration of the present resolution.

[1] See resolution 60/1.

## Annex

# Measures on working methods suggested for consideration by the Security Council

### Relationship with the General Assembly and other principal organs

1. The members of the Security Council should engage in an informal, interactive discussion on the annual report of the Council when it is considered by the General Assembly.

2. The Security Council should submit, in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern, including reports on topics such as termination of peacekeeping operations, imposition of sanctions and other enforcement measures, as well as other matters of relevance to the membership as a whole.

3. More substantive exchanges of views among the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should be held on a frequent basis and as a standard operating procedure. The procedures governing this interaction should be disseminated to the larger membership.

4. Regular and timely consultations between members and non-members of the Security Council should be established as part of the standard operating procedures of the Council.

5. The Security Council's tentative forecast of its programme of work for the coming month should be made available to Member States as soon as it is available to members of the Council. The incoming President of the Security Council should hold a briefing on the monthly forecast open to the larger membership of the United Nations.

6. Where decisions of the Security Council require implementation by all Member States, the Council should seek the views of the Member States and ensure that their ability to implement decisions is taken into account in the decision-making process.

### Implementation of decisions

7. The Security Council should explore ways to assess the extent to which its decisions have been implemented. To this end, the Council should establish lessons learned groups to carry out the following tasks:

(a) Assessing whether Security Council decisions have been implemented;

(b) Analysing obstacles to implementation and reasons for non-implementation;

(c) Suggesting mechanisms or measures on the basis of best practices aimed at enhancing implementation.

### Subsidiary bodies

8. The subsidiary bodies of the Security Council should include in their work, on a case-by-case basis, non-members with strong interest and relevant expertise.

Furthermore, Member States particularly affected by sanctions should, at their request, be given the possibility of participating in the meetings of the relevant sanctions committee.

9. The President of the Security Council and the Chairpersons of its subsidiary bodies should offer informal opportunities for Member States to provide substantive input to their work.

10. The Security Council should take steps to improve the quality and frequency of formal and informal reports on the work of all its subsidiary bodies. The Council should in particular explore ways to increase the transparency of the work of its sanctions committees, inter alia by announcing the meetings and agenda in the *Journal of the United Nations*, giving substantive briefings to non-members of the Council after the meeting, and making summary records more widely and promptly available.

11. The Security Council should give States confronted with special economic problems arising from preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Council the opportunity to consult with the relevant sanctions committee on a timely, efficient and substantive basis, in accordance with Article 50 of the Charter.

12. Where sanctions involve lists of individuals or entities, sanctions committees should establish procedures, reflecting standards of due process, to review the cases of those claiming to have been incorrectly placed or retained on such lists.

**Use of the veto**

13. A permanent member of the Security Council using its veto should explain the reason for doing so at the time the relevant draft resolution is rejected in the Council and a copy of the explanation should be circulated as a Security Council document to all Members of the Organization.

14. No permanent member should cast a non-concurring vote in the sense of Article 27, paragraph 3, of the Charter in the event of genocide, crimes against humanity and serious violations of international humanitarian law.

**Operations mandated or carried out by the Security Council**

15. The Security Council should ensure that all Member States are fully and promptly informed of all developments regarding its missions, including their budgetary aspects.

16. The Security Council should enhance consultations with troop-contributing countries and other States that are especially engaged in United Nations field operations, in particular when they involve risks for the personnel deployed.

**Relationship with regional arrangements and agencies**

17. The Security Council, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter, should enhance its cooperation and consultations on matters affecting the maintenance of international peace and security with the relevant regional arrangements and agencies, as appropriate.

**Integration of new Members of the Security Council**

18. The Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat should be assigned the task of identifying best practices employed by members of the Security Council to consult with non-members with a view to incorporating those practices into the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and into briefings given to candidates for election to the Council as well as to newly elected members of the Council.

19. In order to facilitate the integration of newly elected members of the Security Council, the Secretariat should prepare and disseminate a detailed briefing packet on the procedures, practices and work of the Council.

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## World Summit on the Information Society

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 56/183 of 21 December 2001, 57/238 of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 and 59/220 of 22 December 2004,

*Recalling also* the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action[1] adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003, as endorsed by the General Assembly,[2]

*Recalling further* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[3]

*Recognizing* that the implementation and follow-up of the Summit should be an integral part of the integrated follow-up of the United Nations major conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields and should contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and it should not require the creation of any new operational bodies,

*Acknowledging* the urgent need to bridge the digital divide and to assist developing countries, including small island developing States, landlocked developing countries and least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition to benefit fully from the potential of information and communication technologies,

*Reaffirming* the potential of information and communication technologies as powerful tools to foster socio-economic development and contribute to the realization of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

[1] See A/C.2/59/3, annex.

[2] See resolution 59/220.

[3] See resolution 60/1.

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*Stressing* the importance of the contribution of the Summit to the building of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society so as to enhance digital opportunities for all people in order to help bridge the digital divide,

*Acknowledging with appreciation* the role played by the International Telecommunication Union in the organization of the two phases of the Summit,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Tunisia for having hosted the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the second phase of the Summit;[4]

3. *Endorses* the Tunis Commitment[5] and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society[6] adopted by the Summit at its second phase;

4. *Welcomes* the contribution of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector to the success of the Tunis phase of the Summit;

5. *Also welcomes* the strong development orientation of the outcomes of both the Geneva and Tunis phases of the Summit and urges their full implementation;

6. *Further welcomes* progress achieved by the Summit towards a multi-stakeholder approach in building a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society and acknowledges that Governments could play an important role in that process;

7. *Welcomes* the Digital Solidarity Fund, established in Geneva as an innovative financial mechanism of a voluntary nature open to interested stakeholders with the objective of transforming the digital divide into digital opportunities for the developing world by focusing mainly on specific and urgent needs at the local level and seeking new voluntary sources of "solidarity" financing;

8. *Reiterates* that the process towards enhanced cooperation to be started by the Secretary-General will involve all relevant organizations and all stakeholders in their respective roles, as mentioned in paragraph 71 of the Tunis Agenda;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in an open and inclusive process, to convene a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue called the Internet Governance Forum, in accordance with the decisions made at the Tunis phase of the Summit;

10. *Welcomes* the importance attached by the Summit, as reflected in the Tunis Agenda, to multi-stakeholder implementation at the international level, which should be organized taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action[7] and moderated or facilitated by United Nations agencies, where appropriate;

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[4] A/60/687.
[5] WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/7-E.
[6] WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/6(Rev.1)-E.
[7] WSIS-03/GENEVA/DOC/5-E.

11. *Urges* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, to contribute actively, inter alia by initiating actions, when appropriate, to the implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the Geneva and Tunis phases of the Summit;

12. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to oversee the system-wide follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of the Summit and, to that end, requests the Council, at its substantive session of 2006, to review the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, including considering strengthening the Commission, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach;

13. *Decides* to proclaim 17 May as annual World Information Society Day to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide;

14. *Also decides* to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, by June 2006, a report on the modalities of the inter-agency coordination of the implementation of the Summit outcomes, including recommendations on the follow-up process, for consideration at the substantive session of the Council.

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**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Belarus, Canada and Norway**

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

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**Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS**

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

## Participation of civil society representatives in the high-level meeting and comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the targets set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be convened from 31 May to 2 June 2006

The General Assembly decides to approve for participation in the high-level meeting and comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the targets set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be convened from 31 May to 2 June 2006, the list of civil society representatives contained in document A/60/CRP.2, which was drawn up by the President of the Assembly pursuant to paragraph 8 of Assembly resolution 60/224 of 23 December 2005.

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